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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FRANCO-BRITISH MINISTERIAL TALKS

ON CONCORDE

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1. REFTEL CITED PRESS REPORT THAT CAVAILLE, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT, HAD INDICATED IN TOULOUSE OVER WEEKEND THAT MINISTERIAL TALKS WITH BRITISH ON FUTURE OF CONCORDE PROGRAM WOULD RESUME AT END OF JULY. NEITHER FOREIGN MINISTRY NOR BRITISH EMBASSY ARE ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT TIMING, HOWEVER.

2. CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE OF FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED US THAT SHE WAS LAST IN TOUCH WITH CAVAILLE'S CABINET ON JUNE 21 RE RESUMPTION OF TALKS WITH BRITISH AND AS OF THAT DATE NOTHING WHATEVER HAD BEEN DECIDED AS TO THE TIMING. SHE THOUGHT IT WAS MORE THAN LIKELY THAT TALKS WOULD OCCUR IN FIRST HALF OF JULY BUT REPEATED THAT NOT EVEN A TENTATIVE DATE HAD YET BEEN ADVANCED.

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3. EDMONDS OF BRITISH EMBASSY CONFIRMED THAT NO

DATE HAS BEEN AGREED FOR THE TALKS. HE HAD BEEN
IN TOUCH WITH CAVAILLE'S CABINET IN AN AS YET UN-
SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN WHAT HAD PROMPTED
CAVAILLE'S MENTION OF LATE JULY TIMING. EDMONDS
SAID BRITISH EMBASSY VIEW IS THAT TALKS SHOULD BE
HELD TOWARD FIRST WEEK OF JULY.

4. AFP TICKER ITEM JUST RECEIVED REPORTS THAT IN
A TOUR D'HORIZON WITH PRESS IN PARIS
JUNE 24, CAVAILLE STATED THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH
WEDGEWOOD-BENN "DURING JULY," AND WOULD SHORTLY BE
REVIEWING CONCORDE DOSSIER WITH PRIME MINISTER
CHIRAC. CAVAILLE STRESSED THAT COMMERCIAL OPERATION
OF CONCORDE WAS DECISIVE FOR THE PROJECT'S EXISTENCE
AND HE WAS CONFIDENT OF THE OUTCOME.
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